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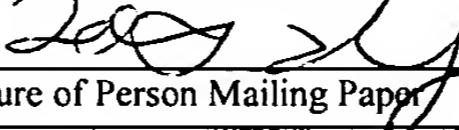
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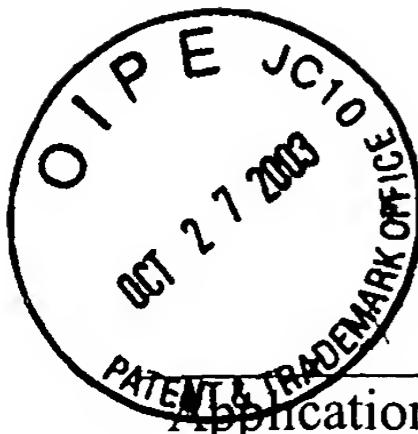
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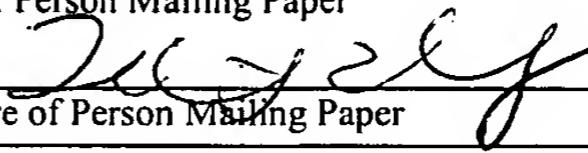
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A listing of the cited documents, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed. This application was filed after June 30, 2003, and copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are not required and are not enclosed.

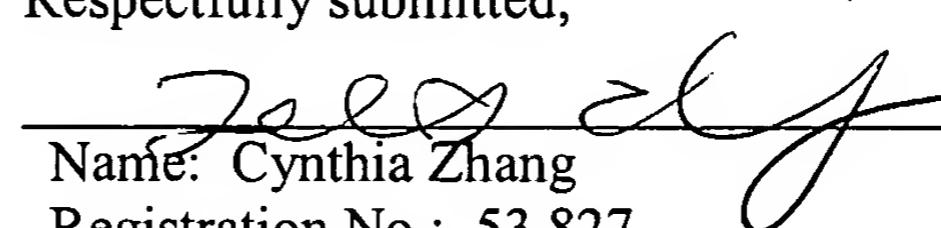
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Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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